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In the Claims:

1-20 (cancelled)

21. (new) A ballot made for an election, the ballot comprising: at least one flat surface in which data consisting of election choices are displayed with each election choice being displayed in a format to be read with an electronic device reader and a format that can be read by a voter.

22. (new) The ballot of claim 21, further comprising said election choice displayed in a format readable using an optical scanning means.

23. (new) The ballot of claim 21, which said data includes candidate and office.

24. (new) The ballot of claim 21, which said data includes questions and answer information as required for the election process.

25. (new) The ballot of claim 21, which said data is one-dimensional.

26. (new) The ballot of claim 21, which said data is two-dimensional.

27. (new) The ballot of claim 21, in which said ballot is made of a wear-and-tear-resistant material.

28. (new) The ballot of claim 21, in which said ballot is made of paper.

29. (new) An electronic voting device comprising: an activation button located on a chassis where said chassis is designed to allow a voter to vote by holding and using said device in his or her hand; an optical scanning means for reading unique

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identifiers printed on a ballot, said ballot having election choices; a communication means; a data transmission means for transmitting each said unique identifiers read through said optical scanning means off said ballot using said communications means to an external system, where said activation button is used by the voter to activate said device's optical scanning means whenever said voter wishes to scan said ballot.

30. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 29 in which said external system is an electronic voting system with communication means suitable for establishing a communications channel between said device.

31. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 29 in which said election choice of said voter's preference is transmitted to an external system for vote totalization purposes.

32. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 29 in which said ballot comprises at least one flat surface in which data consisting of election choices are displayed with each election choice being displayed in a format to be read with an electronic device reader and a format that can be read by a voter.

33. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 32, in which said ballot comprises said election choice displayed in a format readable using an optical scanning means.

34. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 32, in which said data includes candidate and office.

35. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 32, which said data includes questions and answer information as required for the election process.

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36. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 32, which said data is one-dimensional.

37. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 32, which said data is two-dimensional.

38. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 32, in which said ballot is made of a wear-and-tear-resistant material.

39. (new) The electronic voting device of claim 32, in which said ballot is made of paper.